

Atty. Docket No.: PG3565USw

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: CARR et al.

Serial No.: 09/806,840

Examiner: Baker, Maurie Garcia

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Art Unit: 1627

For: *Chemical Constructs*Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2002 (Paper No. 10) for which a 1 month shortened statutory period to respond was set. Accordingly, a Petition and Fee for a five-month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, extending the period of time for response to March 18, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1392. Early examination of the application on the merits is earnestly solicited.

REMARKS

Claims 1-47, 50 and 51 are pending in this application. In the Office Action the Examiner states that restriction is required under 35 USC 121 and 372.

Applicants are required to elect from the following Groups:

- Group I. Claims 1, 6, 21-31 (all in part) and claims 2-5 and 7-20 drawn to a "chemical construct" where the fragment Fr contains "a means for imparting a characteristic signature to the mass spectrum of the fragment;"
- Group II. Claims 1, 6 and 21-31 (all in part) and claims 32-41, drawn to a "chemical construct" where the fragment Fr contains "a chromophore C" that facilitates analysis of the fragment Fr by ultraviolet, visible or fluorescence spectrophotometry;"
- Group III. Claim 42, drawn to a method of analyzing the constructs;
- Group IV. Claims 43-46, drawn to an intermediate construct;